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## 169 Receive Diplomas June 3; Harding Awards Two LL.D's

Commencement exercises for 179 graduates followed by the retirement ceremony for President George S. Benson were conducted at Harding College June 3 with C. Hamilton Moses, retired chairman of the Board of Arkansas Power and Light Company, speaking.

Mack Wayne Craig, dean of David Lipscomb College, Nashville, Tenn., was guest speaker at the Baccalaureate service held May 30 for the graduating seniors.

Craig urged the seniors to come out of their college years of education "full" as the Biblical character Moses came out full after his time of education.

### Another Moses Speaks

In the commencement address C. Hamilton Moses told the graduates their education had just begun. "The diploma only gives insight to what an education is and to what it can do for you." Moses said, man is basically inefficient. What he accomplishes in life is in spite of these inefficiencies. It is his courage, stamina and intelligence that allow him to do what he wants.

Moses listed some of what he considers as the qualities of a successful man. He must be able to stand alone for what he believes. He must know both how to make friends and how to keep them. He must remember their names and must go out of his way to be of service to others. He must learn the value of a dollar and the dignity of labor, whether with the hands or head.

In conclusion, Moses said that the man who pursues the highest, noblest and best will succeed. The world belongs to the

graduate; it is his to find the ways of usefulness and the paths of peace.

After his address, Moses and William R. Smith of Lake Village, Ark., were awarded Honorary Doctor of Law degrees.

### Dr. Benson Retires

After the conferring of the degrees and the presentation of the special awards, the ceremony for Dr. Benson's retirement began. In delivering the valedictory of his retirement, Dr. Benson cited many examples of loyalty and growth of his employees which made it possible for him to retire with full faith in the future of Harding College. In praising others for their help Dr. Benson specifically mentioned the many hardships his wife endured so he could serve better, not only during 11 years in China but also since coming to Harding.

After his remarks he confidently handed the mantle of authority which he has worn so capably for 29 years to Dr. Clifton L. Ganus, formerly vice president of the institution.

### Ganus Pledges Effort

Ganus briefly stated his policies and intentions for Harding College in accepting the position. He said, "I would pledge that in my administration I will seek to lead this college under the direction of the Board of Trustees and with the very able assistance of a multitude of administrators and staff and students, and to try to develop in each one of us the strongest measure of intellectual achievement, physical growth and strength and spiritual accomplishment. To do less than this is not enough."



Harding's new first family from left are Debbie, Clifton III, Mrs. Ganus Dr. Ganus and Charles.

## Dr. Clifton L. Ganus Becomes President Of Harding College

Dr. Clifton L. Ganus, Jr., succeeded Dr. George S. Benson as president of Harding College following the graduation exercises June 3.

Dr. Ganus has been serving Harding College as vice-president since 1956. He was also chairman of the Department of History and Social Science and dean of the School of American Studies.

The oldest of three brothers and one sister, Dr. Ganus was born in Hillsboro, Tex., in 1922. After living a few years in Dallas, he moved to New Orleans where his father established and operated a chain of restaurants and cafeterias.

In 1943 he received a B.A. from Harding College, majoring in history and Bible. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. from Tulane University in 1946 and 1953. In 1956 he received a professional diploma as "College Executive" from Teachers College, Columbia University in New York City.

While attending Harding, Dr.

Ganus was active in extracurricular and scholastic activities. During his senior year he was editor of the *Petit Jean* yearbook, personal manager of the orchestra, skipper of Sub-T-16 men's social club and named to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges.

Outstanding academically, he was an honor student and a member of Alpha Honor Society which required a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Dr. Ganus was a member of the winning softball, football, volleyball and wrestling teams. He was also named to the football, softball and basketball all-star teams.

In 1946 Dr. Ganus returned to Harding College as a professor of history. He was one of the instrumental founders of the School of American Studies in 1952 and was named the first dean of the group.

On the high school level Dr. Ganus developed the Seminars on Americanism for Youth which

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# Over 500 From Across Nation Pay Big Tribute To Dr. Benson

Tribute to a president — Harding's president, Dr. George S. Benson, was paid by the attendance of more than 500 persons at a dinner given in the retiring head's honor June 3 by the Board of Trustees of Harding College in the new John Mabee American Heritage Center cafeteria. Guests came from all over the nation: college presidents, industrial leaders, politicians, members of Dr. and Mrs. Benson's family, ministers, Searcy residents, Harding faculty and staff and countless other friends and well-wishers.

Master of ceremonies, W. O. Beeman, treasurer of the Board of Trustees, introduced various special guests and presented Mrs. Benson with a white orchid corsage.

A program planned as a tribute was carried out by various speakers who paid honor to Dr. Benson as a citizen of Searcy, as founder of the National Education Program, for his work with business and industry, as a minister, as a college president, and as a citizen of Arkansas. These laurels of his honor come from Ewing P. Pyeatt, president, Searcy Bank; Glenn A. Green, director, Industrial Relations, Associated Industries of Arkansas; C. Hamilton Moses, past chairman of the board, Arkansas Power and Light Company; Cleon Lyles, minister, Sixth and Izard Street Church of Christ, Little Rock; Dr. F. W. Mattox, president, Lubbock Christian College, Lubbock, Tex.; and the Honorable Orval E. Faubus, Governor of the State of Arkansas, respectively.

Virgil Lawyer, president of Harding's Alumni Association spoke in behalf of the alumni. David Burks, president of Harding's Student Association, spoke in behalf of the student body, while Dr. Joseph E. Pryor, dean of the college and Lott R. Tucker, Jr., business manager were spokesmen for the faculty and staff, respectively.

A set of matched luggage was presented from the faculty while the staff gave Dr. Benson a portable television for his new office. The staff and faculty of the Memphis School of Bible and Religion gave him several religious books for addition to his library. Title to the college's 1964 Cadillac was given to Dr. and Mrs. Benson along with a

bronze plaque commending Dr. Benson's years of service by the Board of Harding. A gracious response crediting his success to the hard work and the cooperation of others was given by Dr. Benson at the close of a three-hour long tribute to Searcy's internationally-known educator.

Place mats depicting 29 years of progress, mobiles portraying aspects of his life and white magnolia blossoms carried out the decorative theme of the banquet. The program of events heralded: "A man of vision — Dr. George S. Benson. . . Through the early years the college continued to exist largely through the loyal efforts of a dedicated and determined faculty. In 1936, when George S. Benson, a member of the college's first graduating class, returned from 11 years of mission and educational work in the Orient to serve as president, Harding College began to take on new life. "Looking to both the possibilities of the future and the necessities of the moment, he guided Harding out of indebtedness and into a period of physical growth and academic health that has produced the present strong force for development of Christianity and citizenship."

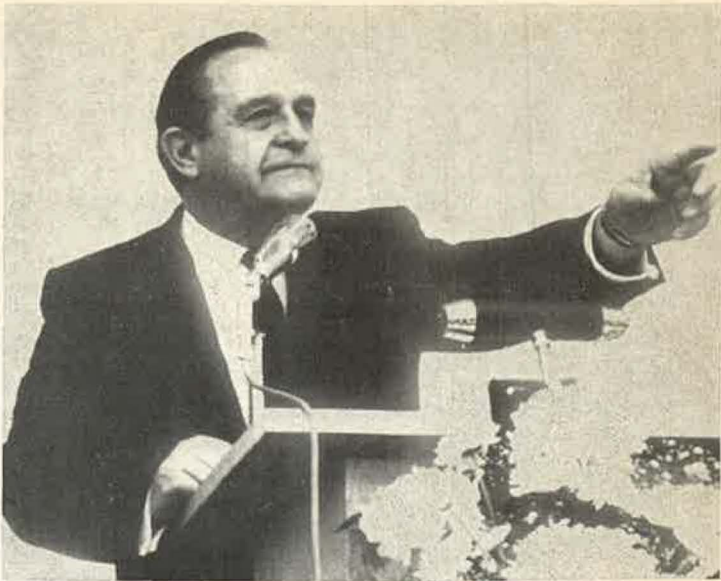
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included in the summer of 1964 some 2,000 outstanding high school students. These ten conferences were held in eight states.

Dr. Ganus is a member of the Southern Historical Association, Alpha Chi, American Historical Association, Arkansas Education Association, Phi Alpha Theta and other professional organizations. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Boy Scouts of Central Arkansas.

Dr. Ganus' travels have taken him to Guatemala, Mexico, Canada, England, France, Germany, Italy, Yugoslavia, Holland, Belgium, Ireland, Switzerland, Austria and Scotland for on-the-spot studies of economic, social and political conditions. In 1962 he made a two week trip to Panama, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Uruguay, Chile and Argentina.



Governor Faubus pays tribute to Dr. Benson as a citizen of Arkansas.



A portion of the well-wishers who attended the retiring president's dinner.



Dr. and Mrs. Benson admire decorations for their dinner in White dining hall.



Dean Joseph Pryor hands Ken O'Neal the award for the highest academic record for four years. Ken received straight A's.



W. T. "Shorty" Pearson, construction superintendent for the college, hands the keys of the new John Mabee American Heritage Center to board member W. O. Beeman. The building was named for the John F. Mabee Foundation which gave \$375,000 toward its construction.



A portrait of Dr. Benson done by Lee Watts was presented to Dr. Benson during commencement exercises June 3.

# 17 Harding Graduates Receive Assistance For Further Studies

Seventeen members of the 1965 graduating class of Harding College have received graduate assistantships and fellowships from twelve different institutions.

For the past six years each academic department of the college has been represented by at least one recipient of an academic grant for graduate study. At present the sciences lead the different departments for the largest number of recipients of graduate awards.

Kenneth O'Neal received a full-tuition scholarship in medicine at the Southwestern Medical School of the University of Texas. Lanny Casey was selected to receive an NSF Traineeship in chemistry at Louisiana State University. Another recipient of an LSU award is Johnny Jones who was presented a graduate assistantship in chemistry.

Jim Penrod received a graduate fellowship in biostatistics from the Tulane University School of Medicine. Jan Hornbuckle will enter the University of Tennessee School of Medicine where he will study physiology on a graduate assistantship.

John Underwood will enter graduate study in chemistry with an assistantship at Ohio State University. Richard Green, who received a NDEA Fellowship in math, will enter the University of Missouri this fall.

Attending the University of Texas will be Hollis Black, who received a scholarship in political science, and David Burks, who received a fellowship in business administration. Also specializing in business administration is Roy Reaves who received an assistantship at the University of Arkansas.

## Players Win USO Tour

American Collegiate Players, a group formed to compete for an overseas tour sponsored by the American Educational Theatre Association and the USO, has won a tour to Iceland and Greenland for the spring of 1966.

The troupe, formed in 1963 by Professor Ben Holland, toured the Third U.S. Army in 1963 and the Fifth U. S. Army in 1964 and 1965. They have made an application each year for the past three years and were chosen as alternates last year.

Receiving scholarships in speech were James Edward Williams Jr., who will specialize in speech pathology audiology at the University of Missouri, and Tom Reppart, who will enter Central Michigan University with a graduate assistantship.

Richard Hughes, William B. Thomas and Terry Smith received half-tuition scholarships in Bible at the Harding Graduate School of Bible and Religion in Memphis.

Completing the list of awardees, Jimmy Jones will study English at the University of Alabama with the aid of a graduate assistantship.

## Top Awards Given Graduation Day

Special awards were presented to students, alumni, faculty and friends during the graduation ceremonies June 3.

Ken O'Neal of Lubbock, Tex. received the award for the highest academic record for four years. He graduated with straight A's.

Retta Martin of Searcy received the outstanding female student award presented by the Ganus family to the girl with the highest academic standing for this year. The outstanding male award went to Merlin Prior, Imperial, Neb. Each award was \$100.

Donnie Thompson of Searcy received the Utley award for the student who made the most progress during the year. He also received \$100.

Honorary Doctor of Law degrees were bestowed upon C. Hamilton Moses, retired chairman of the board of Arkansas Power and Light Company, and William R. Smith, Lake Village, who is a graduate of Harding College.

Certificates were presented by Alpha Chi honor society to two members of the faculty, Dr. James L. Atteberry, professor of English, and Dr. W. K. Summitt, professor of psychology.

A \$100 award for the student contributing the most to Americanism was presented to Gene Engles, Red Lion, Pa. Outstanding Alumnus Award was given to Alvin Hobby, now of Fayetteville, who has served 27 years in the African mission field.



## Students Receive Awards For Work In Intramurals

Awards for participation and achievement in intramural sports were presented in chapel May 26.

Athletic Participant Award for women was presented to Barbara Huff, Detroit, Mich., for the second consecutive year. Spider Perkins, Dallas, Tex., was named Athlete of the Year, being the first junior to receive the award.

In individual sportsmanship, Alice Karnes, Kevil, Ky., and Wilt Martin, Obion, Tenn., received the awards. Club sportsmanship awards went to Kappa Kappa Kappa women's social club and Frater Sodalitas men's social club.

Other awards were given to David Fouss, Marietta, Ohio, for sports skills and to Spider Perkins for the most total intramural points.

Letters, jackets or sweaters were awarded to six women: Paulette Park, West Springfield, Pa.; Sandy Calcote, El Dorado; Mary Shannon and Cathy Shannon, Henderson, Tenn.; Barbara Huff; and Marie Laird, Searcy.

Men who received jackets or sweaters were: Spider Perkins and Cecil Ethridge, Dallas, Tex.; C. C. Baird and Charles Baird, Williford; Johnny Vaughan, Okemah, Okla.; David Fouss, Marietta, Ohio; Marvin Robertson, Little Rock; Richard Partezana, Youngstown, Ohio; Tom Blucker, North Little Rock; Wayne Craig, Massillon, Ohio;

## Annual Awards Day Honors Outstanding Harding Students

Awards Day was held in chapel May 15 for the purpose of recognizing outstanding students as well as presenting other awards.

TNT social club received the award for the best chapel program in the annual social club competition. Regina social club received the Omega Phi scholastic award. Individual departmental awards were made. The freshman chemistry award was presented to Dale Work, Trenton, Mich., and the college physics award went to Jim Brown, Grand Blanc, Mich. Both received copies of a handbook of physics and chemistry.

### Music Awards

Outstanding freshman music award went to Kay Smith, Corning, and JoLee Thayer, York, Neb., received the A Tempo outstanding music student award for the second consecutive time. The band award was presented to John Tucker, Grove City, Ohio.

Phi Alpha Theta history society gave its award for the outstanding history student to Judy Limburg, Tonawanda, N.Y. Lily Hays, Tulsa, Okla., was named the outstanding senior in

Clair McKean, Darlington, Pa.; Bill Moss, Bolivar, Tenn.; James Florence, Bastrop, La.; Butch Bailey, Enola; and Dave Lawyer, Mountain Home.

business education and received the Gregg-McGraw-Hill award which includes a subscription to **Today's Secretary**.

The outstanding Bible student, Richard Hughes, San Angelo, Tex., received a book, **Baker's Dictionary of Theology**. The home economics award was presented to Ruth Ann Selby, Clarksville, and Ann Griffin, Pine Bluff.

Allen Walker, Spring Hill, Tenn., received the math award for being the outstanding student in the freshman math sequence. Circle K service club award to the boy in the organization with the highest grade point went to Jim Wilson, Springfield, Mo.

### Debate Honors

New members of Pi Kappa Delta honorary debate society are Robert Wood, Carlsbad, N.M.; Bob Rader, Yorktown, Ind.; Ron Boilla, Tulsa, Okla.; Arthur Hudkins, Kansas City, Mo.; and Janice Barry, Oakley, Kan. Students who participated in debate and received letters are Jimmy Arnold, Bob Rader, Connie Taylor, James Dockery, Bill Oliver, Arthur Hudkins and Janice Barry.

Letters for drama participation went to Max Hager, Stennis Johnson, Andy Saunders, David Lee, Erlene Laney, Arlene Craig, Mary Alice Smith, Julie Huddleston, Jim Ed Williams, Sherry Balthrop, Milton Reed and Wayne Craig.

## Plummer Makes All-AIC Baseball

The All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference baseball team was released in mid-May, and Harding's only representative on the first team was pitcher Mike Plummer.

Mike, a sophomore from Massillon, O., had a 5-3 record for the year and an earned run average of .76. He added some punch with the bat by being the fourth leading hitter on the team.

There was no second team, and outfielder Gary Simpson, another sophomore, made honorable mention.

Henderson State Teachers won the conference title, and Harding finished fourth. The Bisons doubled their percentage from last year, coming from a 4-14 mark to an 8-10 slate. The year of experience made the difference for a young team.

## Arnold Earns Highest Forensics Recognition

Jimmy Arnold, a senior English major who graduated June 3, was honored by the Department of Speech by being chosen as the outstanding member of the Pi Kappa Delta national forensics fraternity. The award is the highest honor which a student can receive in forensics.

The fraternity has a membership of approximately 35,000 students. Less than four percent of the members ever receive this award.



Dr. Clifton L. Ganus, only 24 hours from becoming Harding's new president, chats with visiting alumni during the alumni luncheon June 2.

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